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FROM: DIRECTOR, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
TO: ALL STATES/TERRITORIES
ALL ARNG SATELLITE SITES

UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT: ARNG LETTER OF INSTRUCTION (LOI) TO HQDA EXORD 103-09 ISO
ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION

(U) REFERENCES. NO CHANGE.

1. (U) SITUATION. NO CHANGE.

2. (U) MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. (U) EXECUTION.

3.A. INTENT. NO CHANGE.

3.A.(1). PURPOSE. NO CHANGE.

3.A.(2). CONCEPT. NO CHANGE.

3.A.(2).(F). REPORTING, BY COMMAND AND NUMBER OF SOLDIERS TRAINED, IS PROVIDED TO THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD G-1 STAFF TO ACKNOWLEDGE COMPLETION OF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

3.A.(3). KEY TASKS. NO CHANGE.

3.B. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. NO CHANGE.

3.B.(1). PHASE I. NO CHANGE.

3.B.(1).(A). ALL UNITS WILL CONDUCT A STAND-DOWN DURING THE PERIOD 15 FEB TO 15 MAR 09 DURING WHICH ALL SOLDIERS AND DA CIVILIANS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A MANDATORY TRAINING PERIOD CONDUCTED BY COMMANDERS AND LEADERS DOWN TO THE SQUAD OR EQUIVALENT LEVEL. UNIT COMMANDERS SCHEDULE AND CONDUCT TRAINING CONSISTENT WITH UNIT TRAINING AND DRILL SCHEDULES, YET IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO BE MEANINGFUL AND TO IMPRESS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SUBJECT ON ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION. ARNG UNITS LACKING A SCHEDULED DRILL OR BATTLE ASSEMBLY DURING THIS 30-DAY PERIOD WILL COMPLETE STAND-DOWN BY THE END OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED DRILL OR BATTLE ASSEMBLY. UNITS RECENTLY RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENT ARE TO SCHEDULE TRAINING DURING THE NEXT YELLOW RIBBON EVENT. ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION IS A COMMANDER'S PROGRAM AND IS CONSIDERED A LEADERSHIP ISSUE.

3.B.(1).(B). NO CHANGE.

3.B.(1).(C). COMMANDERS AND LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS WILL CLOSELY MONITOR SOLDIERS' REACTIONS TO THE "BEYOND THE FRONT" INTERACTIVE VIDEO AND REMAIN SENSITIVE TO ANY SUICIDAL IDEATION SOLDIERS MAY EXPERIENCE FROM ROLE PLAYING AND REALISTIC REPRESENTATION PORTRAYED IN THE VIDEO. COMMANDERS AND LEADERS MUST INFORM SOLDIERS OF THIS CONCERN BEFORE THE

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VIDEO IS VIEWED. IF A SERIOUS OR SUSTAINED NEGATIVE REACTION TO VIEWING THE VIDEO IS OBSERVED OR REPORTED, LEADERS SHOULD ESCORT THE SOLDIER TO A CHAPLAIN OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IMMEDIATELY. DA CIVILIANS WILL BE SIMILARLY REFERRED OR ESCORTED TO COMPETENT MEDICAL, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, OR THE INSTALLATION EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR EVALUATION. SOLDIERS AND DA CIVILIANS WILL NOT VIEW THE "BEYOND THE FRONT" VIDEO OUTSIDE OF FACILITATED TRAINING SESSIONS, AND COPYING THE VIDEO IS NOT AUTHORIZED. ANY SERIOUS OR SUSTAINED NEGATIVE REACTION AS A RESULT OF VIEWING THE VIDEO SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM MANAGER (PARAGRAPH 5.B.) VIA EMAIL.

3.B.(1).(D). ILLEGAL DRUG USE. NO. CHANGE.

3.B.(1).(E). NO CHANGE.

3.B.(1).(F). NO CHANGE.

3.B.(1).(G). NO CHANGE.

3.B.(2). PHASE II. NO CHANGE.

3.B.(3). PHASE III. NO CHANGE.

3.C. TASKS TO ARMY COMMANDS, ARMY SERVICE COMPONENT COMMANDS AND DIRECT REPORTING UNITS. NO CHANGE.

3.C.(1). GENERAL. NO CHANGE.

3.C.(1).(E). COMPLETION OF THESE TASKS IS REQUIRED OF ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNITS, AND DIRECT REPORTING UNITS TO WHICH ASSIGNED. ARNG UNITS OR DIRECT REPORTING UNIT TO WHICH ASSIGNED, REPORT COMPLETION OF PHASE I AND PHASE II TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO THE G3 THROUGH THE ARNG WATCH.

3.C.2. TRADOC. NO CHANGE.

3.C.3. IMCOM. NO CHANGE.

3.D. TASKS TO THE ARMY STAFF. NO CHANGE.

3.D.(6). DIRECTOR, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD. NO CHANGE.

3.D.(6).(A). G1. CONSOLIDATE REPORTS AND PROVIDE COMPLIANCE INFORMATION TO DA G1.

3.E.(6).(B). G3. ARNG WATCH IS TO FORWARD REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE STATES AND OTHER ARNG ORGANIZATIONS TO SFSS SOLDIER SUPPORT BRANCH, SSSB@NGB.ARMY.MIL.

3.E.(6).(C). STATE/TERRITORY TAGS. PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS TO STATE LEADERSHIP FOR EXECUTION AND COMPLIANCE OF STAND-DOWN AND CHAIN TEACH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. REPORT COMPLETION OF PHASE I AND PHASE II TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WATCH.

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3.E.(6).(D). STATE G1. RECEIVE THE CONSOLIDATED REPORTS FROM THE STATE SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM MANAGER AND FORWARD TO THE STATE JOC TO THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WATCH.

3.E.(6).(E). STATE G3. OBTAIN AND DISTRIBUTE THE REQUIRED TRAINING MATERIALS AS NECESSARY.

3.E.(6).(F). STATE SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM MANAGER. CONSOLIDATE REPORTS, PROVIDE TO THE STATE G1.

3.D.(7). CHIEF, ARMY RESERVE. NO CHANGE.

3.D.(8). CHIEF OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. NO CHANGE.

3.D.(9). CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON. NO CHANGE.

3.E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

3.E.(1). THIS LOI AUTHORIZES EXECUTION OF THE TASKS AND PHASES OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING DESCRIBED ABOVE.

3.E.(2). NO CHANGE.

3.E.(3). TIMELINE. NO CHANGE.

3.E.(4). REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

3.E.(4).(A). STAND DOWN: DIRECTOR ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, STATES/TERRITORIES, AND DIRECT REPORTING UNITS WILL REPORT COMPLETION OF STAND DOWN AND CHAIN TEACH VIA RECORD TRAFFIC TO THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WATCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX C NLT 31 MAR 09 AND A FINAL COMPLETION REPORT NLT 15 APR 09. ARNG UNITS LACKING A SCHEDULED DRILL OR BATTLE ASSEMBLY DURING THIS 30-DAY STAND-DOWN PERIOD WILL REPORT INITIAL COMPLETION STATUS ON 15 APR 09 AND CONTINUALLY REPORT ON THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH UNTIL COMPLETION DURING THE NEXT SCHEDULED DRILL OR BATTLE ASSEMBLY.

3.E.(4).(B). CHAIN TEACH: DIRECTOR ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, STATES/TERRITORIES, AND DIRECT REPORTING UNITS WILL REPORT COMPLETION OF STAND DOWN AND CHAIN TEACH VIA RECORD TRAFFIC TO THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WATCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX C NLT 15 APR 09 AND CONTINUALLY REPORT ON THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH WITH THE FINAL COMPLETION REPORT DUE NLT 15 AUG 09.

3.F. COMMANDER'S CRITICAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS (CCIR). NO CHANGE.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT. NO CHANGE.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

5.A. THE DIRECTOR, ARNG IS RESPONSIBLE TO OVERSEE THE ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM WITHIN THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

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5.B. THE ARMY G1 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM WITHIN THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD. THE PROGRAM MANAGER IS MAJ ANTHONY MCGINTHY, (703) 607-9795, ANTHONGY.MCGINTHY@US.ARMY.

6. EXPIRATION OF THIS LOI CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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